

**Senate File 111 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the sale, operation, and possession of speed  
2 detection jamming devices, and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.232, Code 2013, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **321.232 Radar Speed detection jamming devices — penalty.**

4 1. A person shall not sell, operate, or possess a radar  
5 speed detection jamming device, except as otherwise provided in  
6 this section, when the device is in a vehicle operated on the  
7 highways of this state or the device is held for sale in this  
8 state.

9 2. This section does not apply to radar speed measuring  
10 devices purchased by, held for purchase for, or operated by  
11 peace officers using the devices in performance of their  
12 official duties.

13 3. A radar speed detection jamming device sold, operated, or  
14 possessed in violation of subsection 1 may be seized by a peace  
15 officer and is subject to forfeiture as provided by chapter 809  
16 or 809A.

17 4. For the purposes of this section ~~"radar jamming device":~~  
18 a. "Speed detection jamming device" means any mechanism  
19 ~~designed or used to transmit radio waves in the electromagnetic~~  
20 ~~wave spectrum to interfere with the reception of those~~  
21 ~~emitted from a device used by peace officers of this state to~~  
22 ~~measure the speed of motor vehicles on the highways of this~~  
23 ~~state and which is not designed for two-way transmission and~~  
24 ~~cannot transmit in plain language~~ active or passive device,  
25 instrument, mechanism, or equipment that is designed or  
26 intended to interfere with, disrupt, or scramble the radar or  
27 laser that is used by a peace officer to measure the speed  
28 of motor vehicles. "Speed detection jamming device" does not  
29 include equipment that is legal under federal communications  
30 commission regulations, such as a citizens' band radio, a ham  
31 radio, or other similar electronic equipment.

32 b. "Speed measuring device" includes but is not limited to  
33 devices commonly known as radar speed meters or laser speed  
34 meters.

35 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph g, Code

1 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2 *g. ~~Radar-jamming~~ Speed detection jamming devices.* For a  
3 violation under section 321.232, the scheduled fine is one  
4 hundred dollars.

5 EXPLANATION

6 Current Iowa law prohibiting the sale, operation, or  
7 possession of a radar jamming device applies only to certain  
8 devices which are designed or used to interfere with radio  
9 waves emitted by devices used by peace officers to measure the  
10 speed of motor vehicles.

11 This bill expands the current law to apply to a broader  
12 range of devices that interfere with radar speed meters and  
13 laser speed meters. The bill defines "speed detection jamming  
14 device" to mean any active or passive device, instrument,  
15 mechanism, or equipment that is designed or intended to  
16 interfere with, disrupt, or scramble the radar or laser that is  
17 used by a peace officer to measure the speed of motor vehicles.  
18 The definition excludes equipment that is legal under federal  
19 communications commission regulations, such as a citizens' band  
20 radio, a ham radio, or other similar electronic equipment.

21 The bill specifies that its provisions do not apply to  
22 speed measuring devices purchased by, held for purchase for,  
23 or operated by peace officers in performance of their official  
24 duties.

25 Under the bill, the sale, operation, or possession of a speed  
26 detection jamming device is prohibited when the device is in a  
27 vehicle operated on a highway in this state or held for sale in  
28 this state. A speed detection jamming device sold, operated,  
29 or possessed in violation of the bill may be seized by a peace  
30 officer and is subject to forfeiture, as is currently the case  
31 for radar jamming devices.

32 Currently, a violation relating to radar jamming devices is  
33 a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$100.  
34 That same penalty applies for violations relating to speed  
35 detection jamming devices under the bill.